MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is—

" That rule 23 (1) of the Madras Council Rules be suspended and this House do resolve to transact Government Business on Saturday, the 8th March 1958."

The motion was put and carried.

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS ANIMAL PRESERVATION BILL, 1958.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Madras Animal Preservation Bill, 1958.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is—

" That leave be granted for the introduction of the Madras Animal Preservation Bill, 1958."

The motion was put and carried and leave was granted.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I introduce the Bill.

(2) THE MADRAS BHOODAN YAGNA BILL, 1957 (L.A. BILL NO. 15 OF 1957).

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I beg to move—

" That the Madras Bhodan Yagna Bill[a], 1957 (L.A. Bill No. 15 of 1957), as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration."

Sir, the Joint Select Committee, after a careful scrutiny of the various clauses of the Bill, suggested certain changes in the Bill. The Legislative Assembly accepted the changes and in addition, made two changes.

I shall briefly indicate the main changes.

The Preamble has been amplified so as to include the provisions relating to the Gramdan villages and Gramdan lands within the purview of the Bill.

In the definition under clause 2 of the Bill, new definitions for Gramdan lands, Gramdan village and Sarvodaya Panchayat have been added. The definition relating to " landless poor person " has been amplified to be more specific.

In the definition of " Gramdan village " occurring in clause 2 (e) of the Bill, for the words " one or more persons ", the words " not less than two-thirds of the number of persons owning lands ", and for the words " two-thirds ", the words " one-half " were substituted in the Assembly.

* Printed as Appendix on pages 383–394 infra.